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Dear Friend,

Thank you for contacting me regarding the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

I strongly believe in increased penalties for crimes of hate. We must take a strong stand against crimes committed for the purpose of sending a message to members of any particular community that they are not welcome or should live in fear based on who they are, and because of this I am an original cosponsor of this bill. I would add that I have been a long time supporter of hate crimes legislation, having been an original cosponsor each time it has been introduced in the House as a free standing bill.

I am very hopeful that we will have more success in enacting the bill now that Democrats have taken back the White House and expanded our majorities in Congress, and as you might know it recently passed the House by a vote of 249-175.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barney Frank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BARNEY FRANK